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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a tape [[(T)]] to which a plurality of elements [[(C)]] are affixed by means of a glue in a solid state, the method comprising a gluing step, in which elements [[(C)]] are glued to a basic tape [[(T)]] by means of a glue in a liquid state so as to obtain a glued tape, the method being characterized in that the gluing step is followed by:
 - a winding step, in which the glued tape [[(T)]] is wound while the glue is in a state between the liquid state and the solid state, so as to obtain a winded glued tape; and
 - a heating step, in which the winded glue tape is heated, so that the glue reaches the solid state.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that in the winding step, the glued tape [[(T)]]-is wound on reel [[(R)]] made of composite material.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, characterized in that the reel [[(R)]] is made of fiberglass impregnated with epoxy resin.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, characterized in that the reel [[(R)]] is made of fiberglass impregnated with epoxy resin.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a smart card, characterized in that the method comprises the following steps:
 - a gluing step, in which semiconductor devices [[(C)]]-are glued to a basic tape [[(T)]]-by means of a glue in a liquid state so as to obtain a glued tape;
 - a winding step, in which the glued tape [[(T)]]is wound while the glue is in a state between the liquid state and the solid state, so as to obtain a winded glued tape;
 - a heating step, in which the winded glued tape is heated, so that the blue reaches the solid state;

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a cutting step, in which the tape [[(T)]] is cut so as to obtain modules [[(MOD)]]; and

an embedding step, in which a module [[(MOD)]] is embedded in a cardbody [[(CB)]] so as to obtain a smart card.

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